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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Joseph Eby, Chatham Presbyterian Church, Chatham, Illinois.

THE REVEREND JOSEPH EBY:

(Prayer by the Reverend Joseph Eby)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Please remain standing. The Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Hunter moves for the approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary. There being no objections, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 119, offered by Senator Risinger.

Senate Resolution 120 and 121, also offered by Senator Risinger and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 122, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated March 17, 2005.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I hereby establish April 30, 2005, as the committee deadline for

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the following Senate Bills: Senate Bills 20, 50, 150, 154, 243, 276, 280, 447, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 17 -- pardon me, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981.

Very truly yours, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

I have a like Message, dated March 17, also.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, the following deadlines indicated on the 2005 Senate Regular Session Schedule are not applicable to the Senate and House appropriations bills: March 17, 2005 - Senate Bills out of committee; April 15, 2005 - Senate Bills 3rd Reading; May 5, 2005 - House Bills out of committee; and May 20, 2005 - House Bills 3rd Reading.

Very truly yours, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will the members of the Rules Committee kindly convene in the Antechamber? There'll be a Rules Committee meeting immediately in the Antechamber.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Bottom of page 21. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-refer to Rules Committee - Senate Bills 20, 50, 150, 154, 243, 276, 280, 447, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981; refer to Executive Committee - Senate Bills 20, 50, 150, 154, 243, 276, 280, 447, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 and House Bill 337; refer to -- Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1724, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1893 and Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1914.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Bottom of page 21, on 2nd Reading, is Senate Bill 1846. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1846.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Pardon me. No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Top of page 22. Senate Bill 1848. Senator Lightford. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1848.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1850. Senator Lightford. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1850.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1851. Senator Lightford. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1851.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1854. Senator Lightford. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1854.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1857. Senator Cullerton. 1857.
Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1857.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments
reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1861. Senator Garrett. Madam
Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1861.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments
reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1862. Senator Garrett. Madam
Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1862.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments
reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1863. Senator Garrett. Madam
Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1863.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments
reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1865. Senator Sullivan. Madam
Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1865.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted
Committee Amendment No. 1.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1871. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1871.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1874. Senator Clayborne. 1874. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1874.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1877. Senator Demuzio. 1877. Senator Demuzio. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1877.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1878. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1878.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1879. Senator Sullivan. Madam

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Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1879.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1881. Senator Collins. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1881.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1882. Senator Maloney. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1882.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senator Roskam, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. You look like the spring -- beautiful spring day today in your outfit. I rise on a point of order.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your point.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Mr. President, a couple minutes ago, the -- the Rules Committee took action which was curious to me, and that was to take essentially the jurisdiction away from the Senate Judiciary

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Committee on all the medical malpractice bills. And my question is -- and now it's been -- they've been referred to the Senate Executive Committee. So the question is, you know, throughout the course of the spring, there's been these series of hearings that have been promised and scheduled. Some of them have been completed. Some of them have yet to happen in the Judiciary Committee. Now, in light of the fact that there is no longer Judiciary Committee jurisdiction on these bills, what is -- what's the plan? I mean, we got a lot of folks here today that are here today for these hearings and there's been a -- a promise made for a roll call on Senate Bill 150 in the Judiciary Committee and -- if you can enlighten us on the medical malpractice plans, and particularly in light of today's schedule, that would be helpful.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Thank you, Senator. The hearings will continue. Senator Silverstein is Chairman of Executive and I'm certain he will give you all the courtesy that you deserve. Senator -- President Emil Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Perhaps I can clarify this issue. In January, if you remember my remarks, I said it is my intent to come to a resolve and have the Senate pass legislation to deal with the crisis of the medical malpractice in Illinois. And I -- I know the Judiciary Committee held several hearings. And as -- as many of us know, these lawyers can talk. And, Senator, you are a great lawyer and you get to arguing over one or two little words or so. I had hoped that they would have come to a resolve and came out with legislation that -- that would benefit all the people of the State of Illinois. I am disappointed that they did -- that did not happen as of today's action. So, as a result, we -- I feel very strongly that the Judiciary Committee could not bring it all together, even though there were attempts made to do such. And I believe the Executive Committee, with most of the Leadership in this Body, will be an appropriate place where we can continue to work toward trying to come to an agreement on medical malpractice. Now, we extended the deadline of all the bills - there are several bills; many from this side many from your side - of all those bills so that

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we can, in the Executive Committee, come to a resolve on that issue. And that's why that was done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Well, I want to thank the President for his explanation, but it really -- I -- I think it -- it raises the larger question, and that is, we have Chairman Cullerton, who by all accounts on both sides of the aisle is a highly regarded negotiator, tends to approach complicated problems in a fairly winsome way, and his experience is that he can bring people together. Now, one of the key elements of this is Senate Bill 150, which is Senator Luechtefeld's bill. Now, you know, just -- just for the benefit of those that are not familiar with this issue, there is great reason to think that there are members of the Judiciary Committee on the other side of the aisle that are very reluctant to have to deal with Senate Bill 150. It's my hope that that is not the motivation of the Majority, but you really have to come to the conclusion that that has to be the motivation of the Majority, to spare people who otherwise might feel compelled, based on their constituencies, to vote in favor of a comprehensive medical malpractice plan. There's no other reason that you would ever strip one of the most highly skilled, highly thought of negotiators under the -- under the Rotunda from -- from the jurisdiction of this bill. So, we're not going to sit here while you put down John Cullerton, basically, and we -- but I mean, you know, here's the fear. The fear is that Senate Bill 150, which is real, which offers a real plan and a real approach on this, which was on the cusp of being voted on, and then the whole Body would deal with it and we can deal with it up or deal with it down and we take our roll calls and we move on, now it's going to be buried in obscurity. We -- we know the makeup of the Executive Committee is a very different dynamic than the makeup of the Executive {sic} Committee, and you know, the -- the past assurances that were made that Senate Bill 150 will see the light of day, that is a real roll call so that it can get on the Senate Floor, I think now seems a little bit specious, and I think that's disappointing. I think we can do better. And I know Chairman Silverstein is a great Chairman and will do his best,

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but, you know, my -- my sense is that there's a real opportunity that's lost and that this will now just continue to flounder and -- and -- and -- and become very obsequious. And I think it's a disappointing day for the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Thank -- thank you, Senator, and we share your love for John Cullerton without a doubt. Senator Dillard, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I know the Democrats are very close to the Trial Lawyers Association, but I think this is venue shopping the medical malpractice issue, jumping it from one committee to another just like the trial lawyers do with respect to the fairness of where they have a venue to hear their cases. You know, the Senate President -- and just to echo what Senator Roskam said, Senator Cullerton is one of the most skilled negotiators in this building, and I don't see us trying to pull Speaker Madigan off of this problem, which he's worked on for the last year, year and a half, or former Cook County Chief Judge Don O'Connell, who Governor Blagojevich put in front of this effort. And, you know, this is highly complex stuff, and the fact that the Judiciary Committee has not come to a solution yet on this, I don't think is a reflection of the people in the Judiciary Committee who have put in hundreds and hundreds of hours. And John Cullerton's probably put in a couple of thousand hours on this over the last eighteen months. And I just think this sends a signal that this is about games and politics, not about trying to solve a solution to the medical access problem for a large segment of Illinois. And it's pretty disappointing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

My name was mentioned in this argument.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Go right ahead.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

First of all, I have to tell you, I think this is a serious issue on this side of the aisle. I think Senator Cullerton would have held two -- two long hearings on medical malpractice, first

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of... And second of all, Senator Roskam, Senator Cullerton is not going away on this matter. He sits on Executive. We'll be looking for his lead to continue on with the negotiation. So, though there's a switch, I'm sure they're going to continue on the negotiation and I'm sure we're going to still press for some resolution. So, please, I would appreciate we keep the rhetoric down and come to some solution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

President Emil Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Trying to be bipartisan, you know, Senator Dillard, I did appoint you as Co-Chair of the Judiciary Committee. And we did this in a -- hopeful that we can come together in a bipartisan fashion to deal with a serious, serious problem. And I've been around all you lawyers and one thing I know, you guys can argue over one word and you argue over one word and one word, and you keep going and you talk and -- and you're very skillful at doing such. And -- and as a result, we have not made any progress. There are several bills that have been introduced to deal with medical malpractice in the State of Illinois. And you lawyers on the committee, I know John Cullerton is a skillful negotiator. However, we haven't accomplished anything as coming together -- to come together with a bill that we can support. So, therefore, I believe the Executive Committee would do a much, much better job at -- at -- at bringing everyone together and not concerning themselves about the lawyer, but what's in the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois. And if you look at it in that context, then you will be supportive of the Executive Committee working to come to a resolve on this particular issue. But it is not a partisan issue. I don't cater to any one particular group. Our -- my concern is the -- all the people of the State of Illinois. I don't care what region they come from. And that's why the Exec Committee will -- I think will do a much, much better job.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Mr. President, just to speak to -- to this particular issue. You know, I -- I understand that in this -- in this Chamber both

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sides play games. I mean, politics is a -- is a phony business and we all know it. You know, we have a bill that most people think will work. It will bring rates down and it'll bring them down pretty quick. It's a serious bill that both -- or all -- all the factors are not real happy with. Certainly the -- the Trial Lawyers are not happy. The docs -- there are things there for the docs, the insurance companies and the hospitals. All of them have to suffer some. This is a -- this is a bill that will work. But what happened to this bill is it was supposed to be called on Tuesday and -- and -- and then it didn't happen. Then it was promised to be called on Thursday and then it didn't happen. But what we have is a bill that I think most people understand will actually bring rates down and solve this problem. But -- but it became apparent that if it passed this committee, it would also pass by probably a pretty large percentage in this Body, and there are people that don't want that to happen. The two sides, basically, are saying, we...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Excuse me. Senator, could you speak to the matter at hand? We don't want to get into a long debate on this thing.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Well, Senator, I -- I think I am.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

We're not debating this particular issue right now.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

I really think I am. This is a...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Go right ahead. I am still recognizing you, Senator. Go right ahead.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Well, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

But -- but if you could speak to the issue at hand, I would appreciate it.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

This is a hugely important issue and it's going to get -- if you think about a year ago, it wasn't a big deal in the north, but it is now. It was a big deal in the south. Another year and we mess around with this. I think the goal is maybe pass

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something, but make it as weak as possible. Our goal is, let's pass something that works. This bill would've worked. Where it goes now, I don't know. But what is happening is sort of a shame and it's -- it's politics. There's no question, and I know both sides play it. But this is -- this is -- this is it at its best form. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Thank you, Senator. WICS-TV requests permission to videotape. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Winkel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WINKEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. We held hearings recently in my district, in Champaign/Urbana and Danville. We are looking desperately for meaningful malpractice reform. That's what people are looking for and that's what we've talked about in these hearings week after week. We now have a piece of legislation that was to be voted on today. It's ready to be voted on today in our committee, in Judiciary. You talk about the process moving along. It has moved along. It was ready to go - meaningful medical malpractice reform that I could go back home and tell the people back home, what they were clamoring for in those hearings that I held back home, we could deliver today. And it was promised to be held today. And instead, gamesmanship, political phony gamesmanship is being played. That's the message I have to take back home, that medical malpractice in a meaningful form is being delayed by tactics, by games being played here, while -- we're losing our obstetricians to Indiana, while we're losing our pulmonologists, which means we can't have people on ventilators in our hospital in Vermilion County. We can't wait. And yet, we play games that cause delay. It's outrageous. You ought to be ashamed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Leader Watson. The Chair -- Chair recognizes Leader Watson and then we're going to move on to 2nd Readings. Chairman.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. It -- it is a sad day for us here in the Senate. Should be a sad day for all of us. I think we should all be embarrassed by the fact of what has just happened. The comment was made about change of venue and

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those of us who are from Madison/St. Clair County area know exactly what that means and what -- exactly what that's all about. We just saw the change of venue go from a committee that could very well have passed that bill out today. I don't know. Vote wasn't taken. I have no -- no idea. Could very well have happened. Now we're going into the Executive Committee, which I think someone said bipartisan. There isn't any more blatant political or partisan committee in this process than the Executive Committee. So, don't tell me -- don't tell me that this is about bipartisanship and about working together politically. I understand, and most of us on this side of the aisle, and you do, too. You understand what this is all about. You should be embarrassed. A hundred and sixty plus physicians have left the practice of medicine in Madison/St. Clair County. This is no longer a quality issue of health care. This is basic access. St. Louis hospitals are beginning to refuse people from Illinois based on the fact that we have this problem in this State. Senator Luechtefeld just filed a motion, Mr. President, to discharge Senate Bill 150 from committee. I would move that we go to the order of discharge motions and act immediately on Senator Luechtefeld's motion to discharge Senate Bill 150 so it can be heard before the people of this State and everyone be given an opportunity to be heard, not just the members of the Judiciary Committee who are no longer a part of the process, not just the Executive Committee, but every Member of the Senate ought to have an opportunity to be heard. And for the last eighteen months and two years, it's been muzzled up by the leadership of this process. And we're just not going to stand for that. I would appreciate very much and would expect you to go to the order of discharge motions immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Leader -- Leader Watson, I instructed everyone that the Chair was going to go back to 2nd Readings after we heard you. We're not to that order of business right now for discharge of motions. We're on the top of page 23, on 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 1883. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 1884. Senator Winkel. Senate Bill 1892. Senator Silverstein. Madam Secretary, read the bill. Senate Bill 1892.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Bill 1892.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Leader Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank -- thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Certainly.

SENATOR WATSON:

I appeal the ruling of the Chair on that motion. And I request a roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

There's no ruling of the Chair, so this is -- this is not in the order of business. We're on the top of page 23. Senate Bill 1894. Senator Sullivan. Senate Bill 1895. Senator Radogno. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1895.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1897. Senator Cronin. Do -- do you want us to call the bill, Senator Cronin? Would you like for us to call your bill, Senator Cronin, or -- or skip it? It's up to you. You can just wave your hand, sir. You want your bill read or not? Senate Bill 1898. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin, you are recognized by the Chair.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes. I'd like to discuss these bills in the context of a point of order here. I'd like to appeal to the Chair that there's been a motion. There's been -- an invitation -- a request from the Minority to change to a different order of business. May we have a roll call vote on whether or not the Body even wants to go to another order of business? Would that be in order?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

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The -- the Chair has made no ruling, so there is nothing to -- to appeal. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your point.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Sitting here listening to the dialogue, Mr. President, the way I understood it was is that the Republican Leader made a motion. You made a ruling that that was out of order by deciding to go to 2nds. We are appealing that ruling and would ask for a roll call on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator, the Chair made no ruling. I informed everyone that I -- we were going to go 2nd Reading after we heard the distinguished Leader, and that's exactly what I did. Senator Roskam, for what purpose do you rise? Oh! I -- I apologize. Senator Righter, I did not see your light again, sir. I would not disrespect you. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, I'd like to continue this dialogue for a moment, if you don't mind.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Well, I do mind.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

The motion -- the motion...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

I'd like to move on to the business that's on -- on the Floor.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

The motion from Senator Watson was to immediately move to the Order of Discharge. By not doing so, the Chair made a ruling that that was out of order. It doesn't really matter. I mean, I appreciate -- you know, it's interesting, we're talking about a legal bill and you're kind of standing there saying, "Well, I didn't say those words, so it really wasn't a ruling." That's what you did. And we are asking, at the very least, Mr. President, that you allow the Body to vote on whether or not that was appropriate for you to do. That is clearly within the

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context of the Senate rules that your party drafted, and that's what we are requesting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Roskam, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of order.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your point.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Well, there is a pending motion, Mr. President, from the Republican Leader that you have deemed as out of order, either explicitly, implicitly or any kind of licitly that you want to characterize, and the -- the Minority Party has now requested that your explicit, implicit or otherwise licit motion -- or, your ruling, be overturned. Now, simply because you don't say the word "ruling", doesn't mean that it's not a ruling. And if you just tend not to engage Members of the Senate as they are making these motions and act as if they're not happening, you are still, by implication, making a motion. So, here's how this works. You call it for a roll call. The votes go up. You win. We lose. And you move on. If you don't go that route, then we just get bogged down into this ridiculous conversation over the course of the next -- next hour or so that's not really fruitful and it -- and it kind of denigrates the entire process. So, my suggestion is, since I've been called out, basically, by the Senate President as a lawyer, my advice would be, let us have our roll call and we'll -- we'll move on. But, basically, to act as if there's not a pending motion, doesn't do us any -- any -- any good. So, based on that background, I'm renewing -- or, Leader Watson's motion, Mr. President, to appeal the ruling of the Chair, and we would respectfully request a roll call vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Roskam, as you know, the Presiding Officer, which happens to be me right now, establishes the order of business of the day. I -- I informed everyone exactly what I was going to do. We're not on 2nd Reading. Senator Watson, I recognize you once again, sir.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you. I make a motion that we discharge Senate Bill

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150 from committee. I can make a motion at any time. I can make a motion at any time. And I want a ruling of the Chair on that motion to discharge Senate Bill 150. And I want a roll call on the decision of the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Watson, we will certainly put the motion on the Calendar if you give us that motion in writing that you just made. We're back to the bottom of page 23. On the Order of -- of 2nd Reading. Senator Cronin, I wanted to give you opportunity to go back to 1897. Senator Cronin, on 1897. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill -- 1897.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1898. Senator Cronin. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1898.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- I will come to you soon enough, Senator. Senate Bill 1907. Senator Cullerton. We -- we just moved it to 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1907. Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1907.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Yes. I'd like a roll call on 1907, please. And every bill

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thereafter on 2nd Reading. 1908. Whatever bill you want to call it. Let's go.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

We do not take roll calls on 2nd Reading, Senator, unless it's an amendment. Unless it's an amendment. Senator Burzynski is recognized by the Chair. And I -- I want to inform you, I'm not going to recognize anyone that's shouting and screaming at me. I will recognize Senator Burzynski in an orderly fashion. This is the Senate, Gentlemen. Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. I'm glad you recognize that, Senator. First of all, I asked for a roll call and you denied that. So, secondly then, I would ask for the ruling in the Rule book that says we don't take roll calls on 2nd Reading. I would request that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Whoa! Whoa! I'm asking -- response.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

I have a number of lights lit up. I'd like to get through them, then we can discuss it. Senator Righter, you're recognized by the Chair. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I would like to ask if the sponsor will yield on Senate Bill 1908.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

We're beyond Senate Bill 1908, Senator.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

It's on the board, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator, this is 2nd Reading. We read the bill into the record or -- or skip the bill, based on the decision of the sponsor. There is no vote taken. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Is it -- I'm -- I'm -- I want to make sure I'm clear. Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Is -- is -- can I take from what the -- the Presiding Officer just said that I, as a Member of the Senate, don't have a right to ask the sponsor of this bill or any other bill a question on 2nd Reading. I mean, is that the ruling of the Chair? Because if that's the ruling of the Chair, I would like to move to appeal that ruling, as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

That was not what I said, Senator.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Then I would ask if the -- if -- if the -- if the sponsor of Senate Bill 1908, which is the bill that's on the board, will yield for some questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The -- the -- the sponsor of 1908 hasn't even let us know yet whether he wants us to read it into the record or not. So it's not official business until he decides for us to do that. Senator Roskam, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your point, my friend.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Mr. President, assuming hypothetically that Senate Bill 1908 is officially in the record or a subsequent bill, 1909, and there is a Senator that asks to make an inquiry on 2nd Reading. What's the ruling of the Chair as it relates to the ability of a Senator to ask a question on 2nd Reading?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

You can most certainly ask a procedural question on 2nd Reading, Senator. We would -- certainly allow that. Senator Roskam. Oh! President Jones. Chair recognizes President Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. The lawyers on the other side of the aisle is the reason why certain action had to be taken. Now, if you want -- if you want to have a press conference, there is a blue room on the 2nd floor. You can go and you can do all the press. Now, if you want to sit here and - and play to the cheers of the crowd, we are following procedure. The lawyers over there arguing over what -- a

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hypothetical "how would you vote?" - that is not the issue before this Senate Body. And I -- I wish you would conduct yourself in a manner that a Senator should conduct themselves, respect the rules of this Body and the tradition of this Body and let's get on with the business. But if you -- but if you want to play games and so forth, you go ahead and play games. We are trying to take care of business for the people of the State of Illinois and all the theatrics has no place here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Back on -- on 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 1908. Senator Haine. Senator Haine. 1908. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1908.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1909. Senator Haine. Senate -- Senate Bill 1909. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 1910. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 1910. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 1912. Senator Haine. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1912.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1915. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 1924. Senator Sandoval. Senate Bill 1925. Senator Sandoval. Senator -- Leader Watson, you're recognized. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. And I thank you for that. We're trying to play by your rules. Rules that you drafted. Lot of it which we didn't support. And you're ignoring your own rules. That's the only thing that keeps this Body somewhat together, is the basic rules of how we operate. And we're seeing you go a direction that I've never seen in the years that I've been here. All the years that I've been here, I've -- I'm seeing taken. And I think it's a sad

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day for the Senate. Someone said, "playing games". The President of the Senate says we're playing games on this side of the aisle. The games started to be played back in the "Antiroom", as we call it, when the Rules Committee moved these bills from the Judiciary Committee to the Executive Committee. That, Mr. President, was playing games. We're talking about playing with the lives of people of this State. We have doctors who are leaving this State on a daily basis because they can't afford the high cost of medical malpractice insurance. And...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Leader Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

...you're letting this go on today, Mr. President, without at least an opportunity for people on, not only this side, but on that side and the people of this State to have an opportunity to be heard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Leader Watson, would you bring your -- would you bring your remarks to a close, please? I would appreciate it if you would bring your remarks to a close.

SENATOR WATSON:

I -- I appreciate you at least recognizing that we have the opportunity to speak. In many cases during the last couple of years, Mr. President, we didn't have that opportunity. We had a -- we had a man that sat -- or, stood there where you are who denied the rights of this side of the aisle. At least you're giving us the rights to speak, but you're not giving the people of this State the right to speak when you deny Senate Bill 150...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Thank you.

SENATOR WATSON:

...opportunity to be discharged and brought to the Floor so we can discuss an issue that is of critical, critical need to the people of this State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Thank you, Leader Watson. We're on the top of page 24. Senate Bill 1930. Senator Cullerton, on 1930? The Presiding Officer has decided we are going to top of page 24. Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR CULLERTON:

Purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

The Judiciary Committee will meet in Room 400 immediately upon adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Judiciary will meet in Room 400 immediately upon adjournment. We're on the Order of 2nd Reading. Top of -- President Emil Jones. President Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. How history repeats itself, and how short of a memory the Minority Leader on the other side of the aisle has. You want to play to the cheers of the crowd, but you don't want to do anything for the physicians. All you want to do is put on a theatrics showdown here. You don't want the process to work. You don't want the committee process to work. All you want to do is play games. Play games and play to the -- the cheers of the crowd. Our job is to get down here and try to work together to -- to come to an agreement on the critical issues of the State of Illinois. So since you do not want to take care of business, since you want to play to the cheers of the crowd, I want -- I wish everybody have a very, very Happy Easter as we break. And I -- I -- Mr. President, I think the Senate should stand in recess -- recess to the call of the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, on the Order of Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 33, offered by Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 33)

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Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

I -- I wanted to correct a previous announcement. I said that we -- the Senate Judiciary Committee would meet after we adjourn. Rather than after we adjourn - I understand the Republicans are having a caucus right now; they want a half hour - so we will have -- our Judiciary Committee will meet in Room 400 at 2:30. And we will start at 2:30, which gives the Republicans a half hour for their caucus. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HENDON)

Senator Shadid moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 33. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Shadid now moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 33. All in favor will say Aye. All opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. The Senate will stand in recess - - the Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committee hearings, the Senate will reconvene to receive Committee Reports and other matters not requiring Floor action. There will be no Floor action until the Senate reconvenes at noon on Wednesday, April 6, 2004 {sic}. The regular Session of the Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 262, 513, 1811 and 1935 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 419, 532 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Bills 195, 258, 583, 584, 585, 586,

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Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 314, 436, 515, 572, 614, 851, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 1296, 1625, 1713, 1727, 1739, 1764, 1781, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 2038 Do Pass; Senate Bills 19, 250, 766 1435, -- 1628, 1955 and 2073 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Resolution 102 Be Adopted; and Senate Joint Resolution 18 Be Adopted.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Bills 1750, 1791 and 1792 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bill 1496 Do Pass; Senate Bills 86, 139, 184, 1828, 1842, 1876, 2012, 2064 and 2095 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 540, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 887, 888, 889 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 507 and 1653 Do Pass, as Amended.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports the following bills: Senate Bill 278, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 1629, 1777, 1778, 1823, 1958 and 2028 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 2069 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Sandoval, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, reports the following bills: Senate Bills 14, 16, 113, 949, 950, 1094, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1766, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 2051, 2057 and 2072 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 323, 1723 and 1866 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Bills 475, 521, 770 and 1721 Do Pass; and Senate

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Bill 760 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Bills 159, 267, 374, 376, 437, 538, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1324, 1466, 1507, 1508, 1624, 1665, 1725, 1872, 1983, 2062, 2091 and 2100 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 457, 1220, 1469, 1489, 1620, 1680, 1986 and 2078 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Resolutions 9 and 35 Be Adopted; and Senate Joint Resolution 9 Be Adopted.

Senator Lightford, Chairman of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 2, 249, 259, 268, 269, 281, 462, 573, 574, 575, 768, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 890, 1465, 1734, 1753, 1815, 1817, 1849, 1852, 1853, 1856, 1886, 1887, 1931 and 1972 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 409, 750, 1484, 1493, 2032 and 2096 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Cullerton, Co-Chairman, and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, report the following bills: Senate Bills 257, 283, 399, 448, 578, 1052, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1230, 1295, 1302, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1455, 1456, 1510, 1511, 1743, 1744, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1859, 1900, 1902, 1911, 1961, 2006, 2013, 2041 and 2074 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 251, 332, 339, 421, 425, 1724, 1829, 1893, 1914, 1941 and 1943 Do Pass, as Amended.

Message from the House by...

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 18.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 55 -- House Bill 18, House Bill 55, House Bill 56, House Bill 116, House Bill 166, House Bill 466, House Bill 709, House Bill 960, House Bill 1084, House Bill 1393, House Bill 1483, House Bill 1570, House Bill 2375, House Bill 2380, House Bill 2404, House Bill 2455, House Bill 2704, House Bill 2708, House Bill 3531, House Bill 3843, House Bill 4023, House Bill 4032, House Bill 524, House Bill 669, House Bill 688, House Bill 723, House Bill 767, House Bill 900, House Bill 909, House Bill 947, House Bill 950, House Bill 1142, House Bill 1157, House Bill 1430, House Bill 1457, House Bill 1500, House Bill 1550, House Bill 2343, House Bill 2351, House Bill 2421, House Bill 2446, House Bill 2470, House Bill -- House Bill 2533, House Bill 2564, House Bill 2596, House Bill 2699, House Bill 3544, House Bill 3604, House Bill 3646 and House Bill 3691.

All passed the House, March 16th, 2005.

House Bill 279, House Bill 324, House Bill 330, House Bill 603, House Bill 728, House Bill 917, House Bill 1345, House Bill 1406, House Bill 2341, House Bill 2693, House Bill 3622, House Bill 310, House Bill 504, House Bill 759, House Bill 779, House Bill 781, House Bill 804, House Bill 2582, House Bill 3641, House Bill 3821, House Bill 4067, House Bill 715, House Bill 1058, House Bill 1517, House Bill 1548, House Bill 1597, House Bill 2242, House Bill 2445, House Bill 2469, House Bill 2527 and House Bill 3469.

All passed the House, March 17th, 2005.

Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs. March 1, 2005.

Dear Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

I have nominated and appointed the following named

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persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Message from the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs.

Dear Mr. President -- dated March 10th, 2005. Dear Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence and the confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2117, by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 594, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 760, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1149.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Offered by Senator Garrett.

House Bill 1574, offered by Senators Watson and Risinger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1589, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2435, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 748, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1358, offered by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1504, offered by Senator Crotty.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 18, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 55, offered by Senator -- Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 116, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 211, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 524, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 664, by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1457, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1458, by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2704, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3531, by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3544, by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3843, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4023, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 996, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1081, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 709, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2351, offered by Senator Risinger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1480, offered by Senator Roskam.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 33, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon, on Wednesday, April 6, 2005. The Senate stands adjourned.